
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	Bone Fasteners and Method for Stabilizing Vertebral Bone Facets Using Bone Fasteners	Group Art Unit: 3733

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, the Examiner identified three separate inventions. Applicants elect the invention identified as Group I (claims 1-23, 35 and 40) for further examination without traverse.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.